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OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT I-5 Corridor Fuels Reduction Project Environmental Assessment Shasta-Trinity National Forest Shasta County, California The preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed I-5 Corridor Fuels Reduction project is now available for an additional 30-day Comment Period. The proposed action would treat vegetation on approximately 20,025 acres in the Shasta Lake Ranger District along portions of the Interstate Highway 5 corridor, the Gilman Road corridor, and lands northwest of and adjacent to Shasta Lake. Fuels treatments would be accomplished over approximately 20 years, primarily through application of prescribed fire, along with non-commercial thinning through manual treatments and mastication. A project-specific forest plan amendment would suspend guidelines for unburned dead and down material in two management prescription areas, Limited Roaded Motorized Recreation (II) and Roaded Recreation (III). The EA document is available for review on the following website: www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=30238, or a hard copy can be obtained by requesting it from the Project Team Lead listed below. This project is subject to comment pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments during a designated public comment period are eligible to file an objection. Specific written comments as defined by 36 CFR 218.2 should be within the scope of the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider. For objection eligibility each individual or representative from each entity submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. The Forest Service will accept written comments on the proposed project for 30 days following publication of this "opportunity to comment" legal notice in the Record Searchlight. The publication date in the Record Searchlight (newspaper of record) is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. It is the commenter's responsibility to ensure timely receipt of comments (36 CFR 218.25(a)). Scott Russell, Forest Supervisor, is the Responsible Official. Comments can be mailed or faxed to: Scott Russell; c/o Andrew Spain, I-5 Project Team Lead; Shasta Lake Ranger Station; 14225 Holiday Road; Redding, CA 96003; fax (530) 275-1512. Due to COVID-19 the Ranger Station is closed and unable to receive hand-delivered comments. Electronic comments, in common formats (.doc, .pdf, .rtf, .txt), must be submitted to comments-pacificsouthwest-shasta-trinity-shasta-lake@usda.gov For additional information regarding this project, contact Andrew Spain, Project Team Lead, at (530) 275-1587 or andrew.spain@usda.gov. June 26, 2020 #4256256

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